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Student Launch Initiative set for Saturday at Army test site

Students from four Huntsville-area high schools will launch rockets they designed and built as part of NASA's Student Launch Initiative on Saturday. Sponsored by the Marshall Center, each student team, under guidance from Marshall engineers, will launch a reusable rocket -- aiming for an altitude of one mile -- carrying a science payload. The launches will be at the Army test range on Redstone Arsenal. Marshall engineers also will evaluate student teams on rocket design, propulsion, materials, payload and safety features. The event begins at 10 a.m. and is closed to the public.

**No taxi service
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Thursday**

**Emergency
Warning Test
3 p.m. Thursday.
Audio-only;
do not evacuate**

Lecture set Thursday on first private manned spaceship

Huntsville engineer Timothy L. Pickens, propulsion system developer for Scaled Composites, LLC, will present a free lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library on Monroe Street. The event is sponsored by the local chapter of the National Space Society. Pickens co-designed the hybrid rocket motor, fuel case and nozzle for SpaceShipOne, set for launch before the end of the year carrying three humans to an altitude of at least 62 miles -- a suborbital flight that will qualify the crew as astronauts. For more information, call 971-2020.

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